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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir/Madam:

The following is in response to the Office action mailed October 12, 1999, in the above referenced application.

The Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period. The Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105 for any required fee.

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